



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

APPROVED MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
CENTRAL CITY REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 – 3:30 PM  
ADMINISTRATIVE FIRE STATION #11,  
528 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET,  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33311

Board Members	Present/Absent	Cumulative Attendance September 2022-August 2023	
		Present	Absent
Ray Thrower, Chair	P	9	0
Edward Catalano	P	8	1
Linda Fleischman	A	6	1
Justin Greenbaum	P	8	1
Jason Hoffman	P	7	2
Christina Robinson	P	7	2
Scott Sheckman	P	4	3

At this time, there are 7 appointed members to the Board; therefore, 4 constitute a quorum.

**Staff:**

Cija Omengabar, CRA Planner/Liaison  
Carla Blair, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

**Others:**

Troy Liggett

**Communication to the City Commission:**

None

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board members recited the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Call to Order & Determination of Quorum**

Chair Thrower called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. Roll was called, and it was noted that a quorum was present.

Chair Thrower stated the City Commission had unanimously approved the rezoning the previous evening.

**III. Introduction of Board Members and Staff**

Board members and staff introduced themselves.

#### **IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Regular Meeting: April 26, 2023

Chair Thrower noted changes to the minutes.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenbaum, seconded by Mr. Catalano to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 meeting as amended. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

#### **V. Program and Project Status Updates**

##### **1. NE 4th Avenue Streetscape Project**

Chair Thrower stated this had been approved on second reading by the City Commission the previous evening. Ms. Omengebar said the next step was for procurement to execute contracts. Once that was done, staff would meet with the construction company to create a schedule. Ms. Omengebar reminded the Board they had 18 months to complete the project, and staff estimated they would finish in August 2024. Between August and December, they would collect the documentation to get funding from the County. She said the Central City permanent sign at the entryway was being removed but the banner pole for interchangeable banners would stay. Ms. Omengebar said she would bring this back to the Board.

##### **2. Façade and Landscape Program**

Ms. Omengebar had two applications for landscaping. She had left door hangers in the neighborhood and felt that once neighbors saw the results at these properties, more people would apply. Ms. Robinson wanted to expand right away to NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, starting with direct mail.

##### **3. Commercial Incentive Programs**

Ms. Omengebar said there were no applications yet.

##### **4. Rezoning Project**

a. Phase 1: NWQ Proposal June 6, 2023 Second Reading  
Passed by the City Commission the previous evening.

b. Phase 2: Under Review Mixed Use District Proposal  
Ms. Omengebar stated the consultant had the amendment and the City had added funds to the contract for Phase 2. The additional funds amendment was required before they could meet with legal to vet the proposal. Once this was done, they would hold community meetings. Since the contract was under \$100,000, the City Commission did not need to approve the new amount.

Ms. Omengebar explained to Mr. Liggett the process and why the consultant had been hired. She said there was one proposal and it kept evolving. Mr. Liggett said he had been unable to attend the public meeting last August and had never seen what was approved. He stated they were promised it would be presented to the neighborhood in September, but that had never happened. Ms. Robinson explained that the proposal was

a modeling of what kind of structures could be built if the re-zoning were approved. She added that the Board did not approve, it made recommendations.

Chair Thrower recalled the Board had recommended approval of the proposal for the Northwest Quadrant. Mr. Omengebar said the Phase 2 proposal was not ready yet. Mr. Greenbaum said the plan the Board recommended was attached to their October 10, 2022 minutes backup. Chair Thrower added that the plan was also on the Central City website. Board members discussed the lengthy process this proposal was going through. Ms. Omengebar could not speculate on how long the process would take.

#### **5. Streetlights Installation Project**

Ms. Omengebar stated they were still waiting for the quote on the poles from FPL. As soon as she knew something, she would email Board members.

#### **VI. Communication to City Commission**

None

#### **VII. Old/New Business**

- July Regular CCRAB Meeting Discussion

**Motion** made by Mr. Catalano, seconded by Ms. Robinson, to cancel the July meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

- Miscellaneous

Ms. Omengebar invited Board members to email her any suggestions for the August agenda that she and Chair Thrower would discuss.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2023.

[Minutes written by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.]